

## Military Resistance 8H3



# KIA Is Forever

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Honey, I have a bad feeling  
about you  
going to Afghanistan  
I don't know what to tell you  
at least after the first tour  
we both knew what Iraq

would be like  
Can't you get out of it somehow  
No, this is what the latest  
training is all about  
Can't they send someone else,  
it's always you who has to go  
Will you do this always  
the rest of your life  
This is what I signed up for  
but I know what  
you are saying  
Look, if I don't come back  
always know  
I will love you forever  
that if I live  
I will love you forever too  
So don't be sad for a long time  
and let my forevers  
be just good enough  
and go on and live  
a full life  
That's romantic  
but how in the hell  
am I supposed to live  
without you?

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

**Foreign Occupation Soldier Killed  
Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan:  
Nationality Not Announced**

August 3 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

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## Ohio Soldier Killed At Qalat



Spc. Joseph Andrew Bauer, 27, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died July 24, 2010 at Qalat, Afghanistan from injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his military vehicle with an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Misty Bauer via Joint Base Lewis-McChord)

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## NZ Soldier Killed In Bamiyan By Complex Attack, Two More Seriously Wounded

August 04, 2010 ONE News

A New Zealand soldier has been killed and two others have been injured after their patrol came under attack in Afghanistan.

The New Zealand Defence Force said the soldier was killed in an attack on a New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) patrol in the north-east of the Bamiyan province.

The two injured soldiers were being evacuated and were said to have serious, but not life threatening, injuries. Newstalk ZB have named one of the injured soldiers as Matthew Ball. A local interpreter taking part in the patrol had also been wounded.

Defence Force chief, Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae said they were still trying to piece together the details , but could confirm that the group came under complex attack by as yet unknown assailants at approximately 12:30 am NZ time. The dead soldier was in one of three vehicles.

It was thought an improvised explosive device (IED) was detonated, followed by an attack using rocket powered grenades and other small arms fire.

Air support was not able to be used to help the New Zealand patrol because of weather conditions. Mateparae said they were now in the process of working out how they would repatriate the deceased and wounded soldiers back to New Zealand.

Defence Force Minister Wayne Mapp said the death was a reminder that Bamiyan was still a dangerous place, especially in the north-east of the province.

ONE News reporter Michael Parkin had also recently been in Bamiyan and told TV ONE's Breakfast this morning that Kiwi soldiers in Afghanistan were well aware of the dangers they face.

The northern region of the province, where the attack took place is, "where the geography is on the side of the insurgents," Parkin said.

The 16th rotation of the NZPRT, commanded by Colonel John Boswell arrived in Afghanistan in April and were expected to remain in the country for about six months.

New Zealand also has Special Air Service personnel serving in Afghanistan. In total New Zealand has about 140 personnel in Bamiyan and about 80 SAS soldiers in Kabul.

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## Kentucky Staff Sgt. Christopher T. Stout Killed In Afghanistan



Staff Sgt. Christopher T. Stout (Photo: U.S. Dept. Defense)

July 19 By Thomas McAdam, Louisville Public Policy Examiner

Gov. Steve Beshear today recognized the sacrifice of a Kentucky native soldier who died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

According to the Department of Defense, Staff Sgt. Christopher T. Stout, 34, of Worthville, Ky. died July 13 in Kandahar City, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with rifle, rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Stout lived in Fayetteville, N.C., with his wife and three children. He leaves behind his wife, Misty, and daughters Jacqueline, Audreanna, and Kristin; along with his parents, Billy and Sharon Neuner.

Worthville, population 215, is a wonderful little town just up the road (I-71) from Louisville, in scenic Carroll County; a stone's-throw from beautiful Gen. Butler State Park.

Born here in Jefferson County, on New Year's Day, 1976, Staff Sgt. Stout was a graduate of Carroll County High School. He was an accomplished singer, and often preached the Gospel at Worthville United Pentecostal Church. After joining the Army on December 7, 1997, he served as a Rigger with the 782nd Main Support Battalion at Fort Bragg. In September of 2006, at his request, he was reclassified as a Chaplain's Assistant.

Staff Sgt. Stout's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, three Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Parachute Rigger Badge.

Capt. Ludovic O. Foyou, chaplain for 1-508 PIR, told Fayetteville's WRAL-TV: "Staff Sgt. Christopher Stout was not just a chaplain assistant; he was my friend, brother and shield of armor. His immensely pure love for his fellow paratroopers epitomizes the Spirit of the Army Chaplain Corps. His love for his wife Misty and three princesses, Jacqueline, Audreanna and Kristen, always kept a radiant smile on his face."

The Governor will order that flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on the day of Staff Sgt. Stout's interment for which arrangements are still pending.

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## **Afghan War Claims Soldier With Alton Ties**

July 22, 2010 By LINDA N. WELLER, The Telegraph

ALTON - A 24-year-old soldier killed in Afghanistan on July 14 had ties to Alton, where his father, stepmother and two young siblings live - and now, mourn his death.

"He was a sweet boy; he was fun," said Alicia Fisher, 41, stepmother of U.S. Army Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher of Ballwin, Mo.

"He always wanted to be an Army man. When he was little, he told his dad, 'I want to be an Army man.' His dad told him, 'You are too young to be an Army man.' So Zach said, 'I want to be a cop.' His dad said, 'You are too young to be a cop.' So Zach asked, 'Can I be a kid cop?'"

Fisher said Zach's father, Robert Fisher, 54, a retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant, held a little ceremony anointing young Zach as a "kid cop."

Zach Fisher, of the 18th Airborne Corps, died along with three other soldiers in Zabul Province, in the southeastern part of Afghanistan that borders Pakistan, east of Kandahar. An improvised explosive device destroyed the soldiers' military vehicle.

Among Fisher's duties was to seek out and disarm IEDs, so as to protect the troops.

Alicia Fisher said one of Zach's commanders said he was a "careful" soldier.

"He was careful to watch out for himself and for his men; he was firm but fair," she said the commander told her.

He was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Capt. Steven Holmberg, commander of the 618th Engineer Support Company, spoke about Fisher to the Fayetteville, N.C., Observer newspaper.

"He shared the knowledge from his last deployment with his soldiers and made sure the right thing was being done, no matter how difficult," Holmberg said.

Fisher was on his second tour of duty at the time of his death, having previously served in Iraq. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2006, two years after graduating from Marquette High School in Chesterfield, Mo.

The larger, extended family members have both military and medical backgrounds; Zach Fisher had hoped to attend school to become a nurse, nurse anesthetist or other medical occupation after leaving the Army.

"He had a plan, and he was determined to get it done," Alicia Fisher said. "He always wanted to help people. When he was going to Iraq, he said it felt like he was supposed to do it, he was happy to do it and he wanted to do it.

"We were so proud of his wanting to do it; he loved this country so much," she said. "When he was home in May, he said, 'This is my country; I need to do what I was trained to do' to protect his men."

Alicia Fisher said she had been Zach's stepmother since he was 6 years old and considered him the same as if he was her own son.

"We had joint custody," she said. "He was never a stepchild to me. There was no distinction."

She said he "looked like a twin" to his father. Robert and Alicia Fisher also have two children together, Alex, 8, and Zoe, 4, who adored their big brother and can't grasp that he will not be coming home.

"He adored them; they adored him," she said. "He was always bringing home things for them - a rucksack for Alex and dress-up things for Zoe. Zoe keeps asking when he is coming back."

Fisher had hoped to come home on leave in December, before Christmas, then end his tour of duty in February.

Now, Christmas will not be the same, said a tearful Alicia Fisher, who made ornaments for the two children and Zach that now will be a sad reminder during the holidays.

As news has come out about the sergeant's death, she said the family is heartened by condolences from friends and the public.

"We can't express the thanks for people who have supported us," she said.

Zach Fisher was married for two years to Jessica Koltun Fisher of Hazelwood, Mo., and also was the son of Susan and James Jacobs of Ballwin. Fisher's other brothers are Andrew - and his wife, Kim - of O'Fallon, Mo., and Clayton of Ballwin. He also has another sister, Emily, also of Ballwin, among other relatives.

The family expects Fisher's body to arrive Friday in St. Louis, with visitation scheduled for 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road, Ballwin. The funeral is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday.

The graveside service and burial will be private.

The Jacobses flew to Dover, Del., last week to be there when Fisher's body arrived from Afghanistan. He last had been to the St. Louis area in May to attend his grandfather's funeral.

Fisher's family requests that in lieu of flowers, people may donate to: Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., St. Peters, Mo. 63376, or a Veterans of Foreign Wars post of choice.

The day before Fisher and three others were killed, three American paratroopers died in Kandahar City when Taliban forces attacked an Afghan police compound.

Another soldier from The Telegraph area, Sgt. Matthew W. Weikert, 29, of Jacksonville, was killed Saturday in Paktika province, Afghanistan, also from a detonated IED.

Weikert was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

According to <http://www.icasualties.org>, as of Thursday, there have been 201 U.S. troop deaths this year from IEDs in Afghanistan; 1,121 American deaths in or near Afghanistan since Nov. 25, 2001, with 1,066 of them within the country proper during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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## Family, Friends Mourn Loss Of Chase Stanley

July 23, 2010 By Carlos Villatoro, For The Weekly Calistogan

Family and friends of a young Lake Berryessa soldier who died while serving in Afghanistan are attempting to come to terms with the loss.

Chase Stanley, 21, was killed last Wednesday when insurgents attacked the vehicle he was riding in with an improvised explosive device.

The attack occurred in the Zabul Province of Afghanistan and also killed Army Spc. Jesse D. Reed, 26, of Orefield, Penn., Spc. Matthew J. Johnson, 21, of Maplewood, Minn., and Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher, 24, of Ballwin, Mo.

Stanley is the son of Nylind and Debbie Stanley, residents of Lake Berryessa, and brother to Britney Stanley, 23, and Ryan Stanley, 26. Chase Stanley graduated from Napa High School in 2006, and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17, alongside his two good friends Matt Fuller and Max Wilhipe, Britney Stanley said.

"I think he felt like that was his skill set," she said. "It was what he wanted to do, he was supposed to be there. He spent his whole life getting ready for it, always hunting. Outdoors was his lifestyle."

Army Spc. Matt Fuller said he grew up camping, hunting, fishing and riding dirt bikes with Stanley in the Lake Berryessa area and decided to enlist in the Army alongside their friend, Wilhipe.

"Ever since we were little kids, it was never something that was talked about; it was just something we were going to do," Fuller said. "Of course, when 9/11 happened, that definitely hit the nail home. Napa is a small town and we wanted to get out and see the world."

The trio enlisted after high school and Stanley was sent to boot camp during the second week of July 2006, recalls childhood friend Lance Bubak, 20. Stanley's service record included a 15-month tour in Iraq as part of the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat Airborne), 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat), out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

"That's one thing that I can say about Chase," Bubak said. "He always came back and it was like old times. Even if something did bother him, he wouldn't complain."



In December 2009, Stanley was ordered to serve in Afghanistan with his unit, but not before returning home to Lake Berryessa to spend time with his friends and family.

“He was home for Thanksgiving around then; we all saw him,” Britney Stanley said. “We had a big family party.”

Chase Stanley also took the time to get together with friends such as Fuller, Bubak and his brother, Dane, who also grew up in the Lake Berryessa area. Bubak said Stanley was the type of guy who would always make everyone laugh, offering funny quotes from one of his favorite movies “Joe Dirt” and donning a pair of goggles while sitting around a campfire, giving everyone nicknames.

He was also fiercely dedicated to his friends, family and country, Bubak said. In December 2009, Stanley, Bubak and Fuller attended a friend’s barbecue in Davis. The childhood friends ate, drank and swapped stories of the past and present, Bubak said.

“I never once heard him say ‘I hate it out there,’” Bubak said. “He was just a guy who would say ‘This is my job.’ I remember giving him a big hug and saying ‘Hey man, take care of yourself. We have some more things to do in the future.’”

Bubak said that he knew his friend was serving in a dangerous place, but hoped that the danger would never find him. The death of his childhood friend has Bubak in shock, he said.

“I’m pretty sad about the whole ordeal,” he said.

Fuller said Stanley was his best friend and he is attempting to remain strong in the wake of his death.

“I’m doing as well as I can, I guess,” Fuller said. “I talked to his mother this morning. We are trying to arrange for all of us to get home because of the funeral and everything. Everything seems to be falling apart for me. He was more than just a friend. I’ve known him my whole life. I’m just trying to keep my stuff together and be strong for him.”

Knowing that Stanley was in a war zone concerned his family, Britney Stanley said, but Stanley made frequent calls back home to reassure them that he was OK.

“He called whenever he could; he always called my mom and told us as much as he could,” she said.

Stanley was looking forward to coming home in September for his brother Ryan’s wedding, his sister said. Stanley died a little over a month before his 22nd birthday. Funeral arrangements for Stanley have not been released.

Stanley is the third person from Napa County to have died overseas in the recent Middle East conflicts.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Phillip West, of American Canyon, died while on a mission in Iraq in November 2004, and U.S. Army Pfc. Jennifer Cole of Napa died in Iraq in August 2008.

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# Grief And Gratitude At Funeral For Marine Tyler Roads

July 17, 2010 By Ryan Sabalow, Redding.com

At one point in high school, Tyler Allen Roads was struggling with his grades, so Larry Snelling, superintendent of the Fall River Joint Unified School District, went to have a chat with the boy he'd known for years. "He said, 'I'll do better. I'll make you proud of me,'" Snelling said before several hundred people Saturday at the 20-year-old fallen Marine's funeral in Burney.

Snelling had no idea how much those words proved to be true.

"I'm so proud to have known him," Snelling said. "I'm so blessed to have known him."

Snelling was hardly alone. The words "pride" and "hero" and their various intonations were spoken over and over during the graveside service for Roads at the Burney District Cemetery on Bailey Avenue.

"He was my hero," said Steven Gibbs, 22, of Burney, one of four of Roads' former schoolmates who spoke through tears during the memorial. "I hope some day I can be someone's hero like he was mine."

The Marine lance corporal died a week earlier while supporting combat operations in Helmand province in Afghanistan, according to the Department of Defense.

Last Monday would have been his 21st birthday.

His flag-draped coffin was taken Friday from the Redding Municipal Airport to Burney on Friday. Hundreds lined the procession route.

By at least one estimate, some 500 people attended Saturday's service, which included a Marine honor guard.

The gunshots from a 21-gun salute and the haunting melody of a Marine bugler playing taps floated through the evergreen trees.

The Marines gave three folded flags to Roads' family, one to his mother, Sonia; one to his grandmother, Olivia Stevenson; one to his father Travis Roads; and one to his wife, Megan Stone-Roads.

Family and friends revealed Saturday that Stone-Roads, 21, had discreetly married the young Marine in November.

Stone-Roads and Sonia Roads shook and sobbed during the services, often leaning on each other in their grief.

A 2007 graduate of Mountain View High School in Burney, Roads had lived with his grandparents, Greg and Olivia Stevenson of Burney.

Sara Evans, a family friend from Burney, said the Stevensons had asked her to convey to the community how thankful they are for the outpouring of support.

“She and Greg know what they had in their hearts with Tyler, and no words can express their feelings,” Evans said.

Roads also is survived by Travis and Liz Roads, his father and stepmother, and a host of other family members, many of whom attended the service.

“He was grandma’s shining star, as she put it,” said The Rev. Ken Frazier, who officiated the services.

He would say later to the young Marine’s wife: “Megan, you were his shining star.”

Dignitaries in the crowd included Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber, and Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko. Nielsen said before the services that during budget negotiations earlier in the week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had asked him to send his condolences to the family because he couldn’t attend the services himself. Schwarzenegger also had sent out a statement earlier in the week offering condolences from him and his wife, Maria.

Capitol flags were ordered to be flown at half staff.

Roads was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He is the second Marine from Burney to die in the war in Afghanistan.

Marine Capt. Matthew W. Bancroft, 29, a 1990 graduate of Burney High School, died along with six fellow Marines on Jan. 9, 2002, when the air-refueling tanker he was piloting crashed into a mountainside in southwestern Pakistan.

Ron Harshman, commander of the area’s Veterans of Foreign Wars post and a Navy veteran, said it came as no surprise that so many people turned out to offer their support and condolences to Roads and his family.

“That’s what people love about this community,” he said. “They come together.”

**POLITICIANS CAN’T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WARS**

# One Foreign Soldier Wounded In Four Hour “Combined Infantry And Rocket Attack” By Taliban On Kandahar Airfield



A map of Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Aug. 1, 2010. Kandahar Airfield is the largest military base in southern Afghanistan and has a population by some estimates of at least 20,000 soldiers and civilians, and has many of the same services of a small American city. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

Bulgarian troops engaged in a firefight in Kandahar, Afghanistan

Aug 03 2010 The Sofia Echo staff & The Canadian Press

Elements of the Bulgarian Army were involved in a fire-fight with insurgents on the morning of August 3, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

"A combined infantry and rocket attack occurred on August 3 at 9.45am Bulgarian time. The Bulgarian troops repelled the attack with assistance from their allies," the statement reads.

Air Commodore Gordon Moulds, the commander of Kandahar Airfield, believed the rocket attacks were initially the signal for the ground attack to begin. He said a NATO soldier was wounded by shrapnel from one of the rockets.

There were no Bulgarian casualties in the incident and the damage incurred was reported as "minimal".

Watch towers were fired upon and a tractor was detonated, while used "as a car bomb". Additionally, two missiles were fired at the base where the Bulgarian soldiers are deployed.

The attack occurred at 10.26am Afghan time. There were no Bulgarian casualties in the attack.

At least five rockets and mortars were fired at the sprawling airbase in the four hour attack but the insurgents failed to gain entry.

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# **The Kandahar Fiasco: Notes From A Stupid, Blind, Futile, Silly, Hopeless, Brain-Dead, Complete Disaster: Where Every Little Piece Of Happy Talk From Command Runs Into Material Reality, And It Ain't Pretty: [Have Fun Reading Between The Lines In This One]**

August 3, 2010 By Rajiv Chandrasekaran, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpts]

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN -- This city is starting to feel a lot like Baghdad.

Tall concrete blast walls, like those that surround the Green Zone, are seemingly everywhere.

Checkpoints supervised by U.S. soldiers have been erected on all major roads leading into the city. Residents are being urged to apply for new identification cards that require them to have their retinas scanned and their fingerprints recorded.

As U.S. and NATO commanders mount a major effort to counter the Taliban's influence in Kandahar, they are turning to population-control tactics employed in the Iraqi capital during the 2007 troop surge to separate warring Sunnis and Shiites. They are betting that such measures can help separate insurgents here from the rest of the population, an essential first step in the U.S.-led campaign to improve security in and around Afghanistan's second-largest city.

"If you don't have control of the population, you can't secure the population," said Brig. Gen. Frederick Hodges, director of operations for the NATO regional command in southern Afghanistan.

In Baghdad, the use of checkpoints, identification cards and walled-off communities helped to reduce violence because there were two feuding factions, riven by sect. Because the city had been carved into a collection of separate Sunni and Shiite neighborhoods, U.S. forces were able to place themselves along the borders. Both sides tolerated the tactics to a degree because they came to believe U.S. troops would protect them from their rivals.

**The conflict in Kandahar is far murkier.**

**There are no differences in religion or ethnicity: Nearly everyone here is a Sunni Pashtun. There are divisions among tribes and clans, but they are not a reliable indicator of support for the Taliban.**

**And many residents regard U.S. forces as the cause of the growing instability, rather than the solution to it.**

Military officials hope the measures will nonetheless make it more difficult for the Taliban to transport munitions into the city and to attack key government buildings. The use of biometric scans will allow soldiers at checkpoints to apprehend anyone whose fingerprints are in a database of suspected insurgents.

"Just because Afghanistan is different from Iraq, it doesn't mean you can't use techniques that worked well there," Hodges said.

Another tactic employed in Iraq and soon to be copied in Kandahar involves major outlays from a discretionary fund that commanders can use to pay for quick-turnaround reconstruction projects.

Gen. David H. Petraeus, the former top commander in Iraq who recently took charge of the U.S. and NATO mission in Afghanistan, called such money "a weapon system."

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates recently approved a proposal from Petraeus to spend \$227 million from the fund -- the largest-ever single expenditure -- to pay for new generators and millions of gallons of diesel to increase the electricity supply in Kandahar. Petraeus and other top military officers in Afghanistan have supported the costly effort because they think the provision of more power will lead residents to view their government more favorably, which is a key element of the counterinsurgency campaign.

**But some U.S. civilian officials in the country question whether the increase in power, which will be directed toward businesses, will win over residents.**

**The officials maintain that the United States will have to keep shelling out millions of dollars a month for diesel or risk further wrath from Kandaharis because a hoped-for hydroelectric project intended to replace the generators will take years to complete.**

Contractors working for the NATO regional command already have installed 7,000 concrete slabs -- each eight feet wide -- around the governor's palace and the mayor's office, along major roads and in front of police stations.

Demand for the walls are so high that several manufacturing sites have sprung up on the highway heading toward the airport.

**Kandahar's governor, Tooryalai Wesa, told Hodges that he does not want parts of the city to turn into an Iraq-like Green Zone.**

**Although municipal workers have registered about 20,000 residents into the biometric database and provided them with plastic identification cards, Afghan President Hamid Karzai put the registration on hold last week because of concerns over privacy rights, military officials said.**

There are other grievances.

**Residents near checkpoints say electronic jamming equipment used by soldiers to prevent remote-controlled bombs interferes with their mobile phones. Shopkeepers say they are losing business.**

**"Since they put the cement walls up, security is better, but nobody is coming to our shops," an elderly man named Rafiullah told Hodges as he visited his small stall filled with sundries next to a checkpoint on the western border.**

**Hodges promised to "figure out a solution." But removing any of them involves a trade-off in protection for the forces in the city.**

Last month, three U.S. soldiers and four Afghan interpreters were killed when two suicide bombers stormed a police headquarters building that had not yet been fully encircled with concrete walls.

Hodges said the checkpoints have forced insurgents to find alternate routes into the city, either through the desert or on dirt paths, which limit what they can transport and how quickly they can move. "Will we stop everyone? No," he said. "But it is having an effect. The enemy is having to change their movements."

The Taliban are also seeking to place new obstacles for U.S. and Afghan forces.

**In the Arghandab district north of Kandahar, where U.S. soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division are seeking to clear out pockets of Taliban fighters, the insurgents have seeded pomegranate groves and vineyards with homemade anti-personnel mines; several soldiers have been maimed by them over the past two weeks.**

**Commanders are wrestling with the option of razing some fields to remove the bombs, which would eliminate many farmers' livelihoods, or assume more risk by leaving the crops untouched.**

**"Counterinsurgency doctrine says you don't turn the population against you," a U.S. officer in the area said. "But at how much of a cost does that make sense?"**

Perhaps the most important reason population control worked to the extent it did in Baghdad was because each side believed the other posed an existential threat, and

both turned to the United States for security. In many parts of southern and eastern Afghanistan, the population has yet to seek protection.

**Many Kandaharis regard the Taliban as wayward brothers and cousins -- fellow Pashtuns with whom they can negotiate and one day reconcile.**

**But the U.S. counterinsurgency strategy depends on persuading Pashtuns to get off the fence and cast their lot with their government.**

The U.S. military and civilian agencies are trying to help the government win over the public by delivering services to the population that the Taliban does not offer, including education, health care, agricultural assistance and justice based on the rule of law.

That requires capable civil servants willing to work in an unstable environment -- and that's where the strategy is hitting its most significant roadblock.

**A recent effort by Karzai's local-governance directorate to fill 300 civil service jobs in Kandahar and the surrounding district turned up four qualified applicants, even after the agency dropped its application standards to remove a high school diploma, according to several U.S. officials.**

The main impediment is security.

**Afghans don't want to work for their government or U.S. development contractors in such an unsafe environment. But if the government and contractors cannot employ qualified workers, the government cannot deliver services and will be unable to win the population's allegiance, a prerequisite for improved security.**

To crack that loop, U.S. officials are exploring ways to protect Afghans working for the government.

One plan under consideration would involve transforming the Kandahar Hotel into a secure dormitory surrounded by concrete walls, for civil servants. Development contractors working for USAID are building compounds with secret entrances to minimize the chances that insurgents spot staff members.

Getting government officials in place is no guarantee of success. Kandahar's governor and mayor are regarded as ineffective administrators, but U.S. and Canadian advisers are trying to transform them into more competent leaders.

**In the Panjwai district to the west of Kandahar, U.S. officials say, the district governor and the police chief recently got into a fight. The chief hit the governor with a teakettle and the governor smashed a teacup on the chief's head, the confrontation culminating in a shootout between their guards.**

**In Arghandab, U.S. military and civilian officials spent a year working closely with -- and praising -- the district governor, Abdul Jabar. When he was killed in a car bombing in Kandahar this summer, the officials blamed the Taliban.**

**But some of those same officials concluded that the governor was skimming U.S. funds for reconstruction projects in his district.**



His killing, they think, was the result of anger by fellow residents over his not distributing the spoils, not a Taliban assassination.

"It was a mob hit," said one U.S. official familiar with the situation.

"We saw him as a white knight, but we were getting played the whole time."

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## **Resistance Action: Bomb Wounds Senior Adviser To Afghan President: Official**



A blast aimed at a presidential adviser in Jalalabad August 2, 2010 wounded eight when a remote controlled bomb exploded in Jalalabad city. REUTER/Parwiz

Aug 1 (KUNA) & August 2, 2010 AFP

A senior adviser to President Hamid Karzai was badly wounded in a bomb attack Monday as he travelled in eastern Afghanistan, a provincial spokesman told AFP.

Waheedullah Sabawoon, adviser on tribal affairs to the president, was on a personal visit in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar province, when a bomb placed in a rickshaw exploded and hit his vehicle.

The blast wounded the adviser and a tribal elder travelling with him, along with five civilians near their vehicle, said spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai.

"Sabawoon's wounds are not critical and he's in a stable condition in hospital," said Abdulzai.

The Kabul-based Sabawoon, who has been advising Karzai for more than four years, was once intelligence chief of Hizb-e-Islami, the largest anti-Soviet resistance group of the Cold War.

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A car bomber blew himself up near a police truck, carrying a district official, in a market in Dand district of Kandahar province, citing Afghan interior ministry statement the state-run Pajhwok Afghan News (PAN) reported. The PNA said that the target Ahmadullah Nazak, the chief of Dand district, adding that he remained unhurt but his bodyguard was wounded.

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## **NO MISSION; POINTLESS WAR: ALL HOME NOW**



United States soldiers from the 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne, patrol in Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 9, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



US soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division walk back to their base at Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar, July 20, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division patrol towards COP Nolen, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 20, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



US soldiers from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division patrol near COP Nolen, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 26, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

# Obama Will Keep 50,000 U.S. Pacifists On Duty In Iraq

## COMMENT: T

If, as the story reports, "U.S. combat troops would leave Iraq by the end of August," then the 50,000 U.S. troops not leaving Iraq must therefore be non-combat troops. There is no third category: combat or non-combat are the only possibilities. Therefore, if they are non-combatants, who, by definition, do not bear arms or engage in combat, they must be pacifists.

Either that or Obama is a shit-eating lying soldier-killing traitor who has no intention whatsoever of ending the U.S. war on Iraq until the troops rebel and force him to do so, as the troops did to end the war on Vietnam. T]

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August 3, 2010 By Kathleen Hennessey and Liz Sly, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

Reporting from Atlanta and Baghdad — President Obama affirmed Monday that U.S. combat troops would leave Iraq by the end of August — "as promised and on schedule" — in a speech aimed at highlighting a foreign policy bright spot and rebuilding support for the struggling mission in Afghanistan.

There are currently 65,000 troops in Iraq. The president gave assurances that the U.S. force would drop to 50,000 by the end of the month — a reduction of 94,000 since he took office 18 1/2 months ago.

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## Resistance Action



A destroyed vehicle after a bomb attached to the car of a police major went off in Hurriyah neighborhood, seriously wounding him in Baghdad, Iraq, Aug. 3, 2010. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

Aug 2 (Reuters) & Aug. 3 AFP

**Militants hoisted their flag having killed five police officers at a security checkpoint in the Mansour district of west-central Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.**

An Iraqi army major was killed when a roadside bomb targeting an army patrol exploded south of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol exploded in northern Mosul, wounding one soldier.

Insurgents attacked the house of a policeman in Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, killing three people and wounding seven, police said.

One Iraqi soldier was killed and three soldiers were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near an army patrol in the Sadr City district of eastern Baghdad, police said.

A traffic police officer was killed when a bomb attached to his motorcycle exploded in the Ghadir district of southeastern Baghdad, police said.

Attackers shot dead a security guard for a lawmaker of the Iraqiya coalition on Monday in central Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

**NOT ANOTHER DAY  
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR  
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



The coffin of Army Staff Sgt. Edwardo Loredo at Arlington National Cemetery July 27, 2010. Loredo, 34, of Houston, Texas, died June 24 at Jelewar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

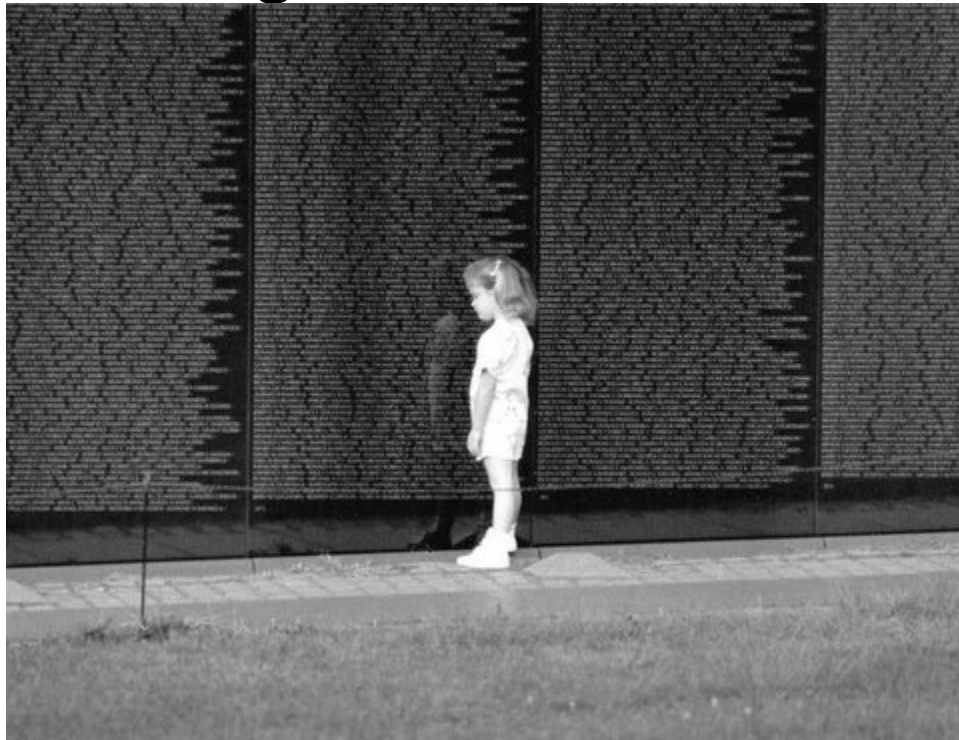
**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.  
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

## **Slaughter House Rules**



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: August 02, 2010  
Subject: Slaughter House Rules

### **Slaughter House Rules**

**As God walks atop this wall and weeps,  
I hear him say, "These were my sons."**

The sound of his tears fall silenced,  
as hands are washed in the Potomac,  
and it runs red with waste.

The Pontius Pilates of the new Rome,  
repeat history on full automatic.

Nicholas James Weber  
Vietnam Veteran

Washington (AP) August 1, 2010

As the war in Afghanistan faces a loss of public and congressional support and U.S. casualties rise sharply, the Obama administration is painting its goals for the war as humble and achievable while warning there is no quick fix.

As far as a "fix" is concerned, the Pentagon has had a needle in its arm for the past nine years in Afghanistan.

The United States Government has become a war junkie with needle marks up both arms. The Iraq and Afghanistan wars have become a trillion dollar fix that is destroying everything in sight.

The war on drugs is right in front of us.

America has an addiction to war.

America has an addiction to killing.

America has an addiction to greed.

America has an addiction to power.

America has an addiction to lying.

America has an addiction to being a predator.

And the overdose is killing us every god-damn day.

Mike Hastie

U.S. Army Medic

Vietnam 1970-71

August 2, 2010

Photograph by Mike Hastie:

Little girl at the Wall in 1986

Total silence.

Stepping forward.

Hands to both sides.

Head slightly down.

Eyes closed.

Eternity.

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: ([hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)



One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004

## August 4, 1964: Lying Lyndon Johnson Fakes The USA Into Escalation In Vietnam

Carl Bunin Peace History July 30-Aug 5

**A second attack on U.S. naval ships in Vietnam's Gulf of Tonkin was reported by the Pentagon. But there was no such activity reported by the task force commander in the Gulf, Captain John J. Herrick.**

One of the Navy pilots flying overhead that night was squadron commander James Stockdale, later held as a POW by the North Vietnamese for more than seven years, and Ross Perot's vice presidential candidate in 1992.

**"I had the best seat in the house to watch that event," recalled Stockdale, "and our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets — there were no PT boats there.... There was nothing there but black water and American firepower."**

Nearly three decades later, during the Gulf War, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Sydney Schanberg warned journalists not to forget "our unquestioning chorus of agreeability when Lyndon Johnson bamboozled us with his fabrication of the Gulf of Tonkin incident

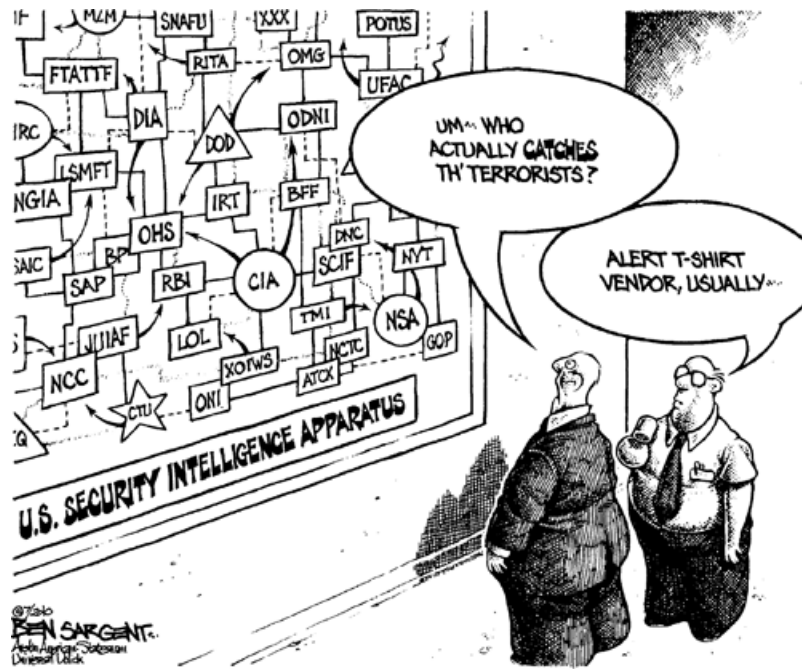
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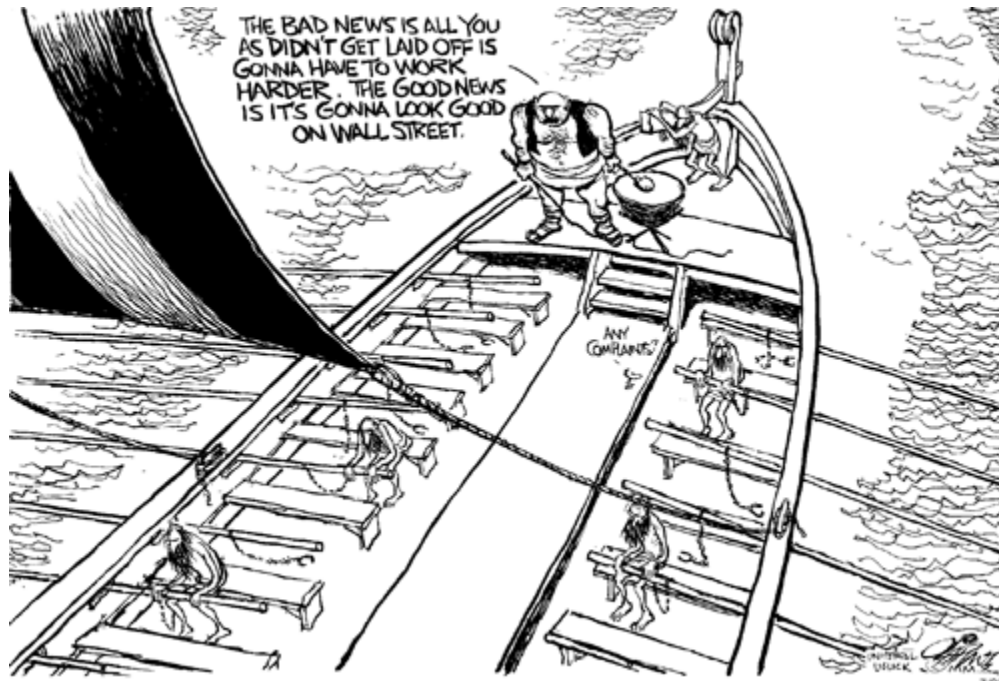
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